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This book teaches the Arabic Lebanese dialect through topics such as food, clothing, transportation, and leisure activities. It also provides background material on the Arab World in general and the region where Lebanese Arabic is spoken or understood--Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine--in particular. This language guide is based on the phonetic system. Each lesson is structured around short dialogues, culture and vocabulary terms, grammar notes, and practical reinforcements. Topics covered include the following: greetings and formalities; socializing and family members; dates and numbers; post office and telephone; biographical information and transportation; directions and road conditions; food and nutrition; clothing; health and medical problems; professions and careers; housing and living conditions; hobbies and leisure activities; mishaps and offenses; nature and climate; and courtesy expressions and interjections. An appendix and index are included. (KFT)

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